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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The present application is a continuation-in-part patent application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/460,740 entitled Compression Plate Anastomosis Apparatus which was filed on December 14, 1999 on behalf of